



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. Cauthen) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/085,040) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
Filed: March 1, 2002)
For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC)
ANNULUS STENT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of June 29, 2004. A fee of \$55.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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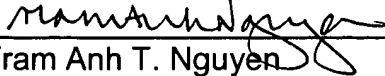
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Respectfully submitted,

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